

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S355–S390

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1525–1528, and S.J. Res. 47. **Page S377**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 1994; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–112). **Page S377**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Elmer B. Staats, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2001. **Page S390**

Messages From the President: **Page S377**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S377–89**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S389–90**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 4:15 p.m., until 12 noon, on Friday, January 26, 1996. **Page S390**

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL FORESTS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on the management of the national forests, after receiving testimony from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director for Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Charles S. Cotton, Assistant Director, and Chester M. Joy, Senior Evaluator, all of the General Accounting Office; and James Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Beverly Bassett Schaeffer, William Brady, and Charles Handley, all on behalf of the Arkansas Securities Department, Little Rock.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, January 30.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2879–2900; 1 private bill, H.R. 2901; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 134–136, and H. Res. 343–348 were introduced. **Pages H912–913**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Taylor

of North Carolina to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H839**

Rules Waiver: By a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 17, the House agreed to H. Res. 342, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

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Recess: House recessed at 3:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:19 p.m. **Page H879**

Balanced Budget Downpayment: By a recorded vote of 371 ayes to 42 noes, Roll No. 19, the House passed H.R. 2880, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a downpayment toward a balanced budget. **Pages H879–H900**

By a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 18, the House rejected the Bonior motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment to provide for the restoration for education programs. **Pages H897–99**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of January 29. **Pages H900–01**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that the House will meet at noon on Friday, January 26. **Page H901**

Committee Elections: House agreed to the following two resolutions electing Members to standing committees of the House:

H. Res. 343, electing Representative Hayes to the Committee on Ways and Means; and **Page H901**

H. Res. 344, electing Representative McNulty to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Page H901**

Subsequently, read a letter from Representative McNulty wherein he resigned as a member of the Committee on International Relations. **Page H901**

Veterans Programs Extensions: House agreed, with amendments, to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2353, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to delivery of health and medical care—returning the measure to the Senate. **Pages H901–03**

Presidential Message—Transportation: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits the annual report of the Department of Transportation covering fiscal year 1994—referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H903**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H839.

Quorum Calls—Votes. One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H852–53, H898–99, and H899–H900. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CLEAN AIR ACT—MONTREAL PROTOCOL IMPACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, focusing on Title VI and the Impact of the Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. Testimony was heard from Rafe Pomerance, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment and Development, Department of State; Larry Elworth, Special Assistant Pesticide Policy Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the Growing Threat of International Organized Crime. Testimony was heard from Jim E. Moody, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC CAPABILITIES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment of the Committee on Science and the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans of the Committee on Resources held a joint hearing on leveraging national oceanographic capabilities. Testimony was heard from Neal F. Lane, Director, NSF; James Baker, Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; RAdm. Paul G. Gaffney, II, USN, Commander, Naval Meteorological and Oceanographic Command, Stennis Space Center, NASA; Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

Joint Meetings

POSTAL SERVICE REFORM

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service and House Committee on Government Reform

and Oversight's Subcommittee on Postal Service concluded joint hearings on reforming the future operation of the United States Postal Service, focusing on the restructuring of certain international postal administrations, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Motley, Associate Director, and James T. Campbell, Assistant Director, both for Government Business Operations Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Graeme T. John, Australian Postal Corporation, Canberra; Georges Clermont, Canada Post Corporation, Ottawa; Elmar Toime, New Zealand Post Limited, Wellington; Ulf Dahlsten and Tommy Persson, both of the Sweden Post AB (Ltd), Stockholm; and James A. Waddell and David E. Treworgy, both of Price Waterhouse LLP, Arlington, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on the impact of the President's veto of the fiscal year 1996 appropriations bill for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on the impact of the President's veto of the fiscal year 1996 appropriations bill for the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nominations of Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, for reappointment to the grade of Admiral in the United States Navy, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Friday, January 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Friday, January 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate may consider conference reports, if available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: No legislative business is scheduled.

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